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SUBJ: CHILEAN MEETING WITH SENATORS

1. LAST NIGHT ORLANDO SAENZ AND THIS MORNING FONMIN HUERTA RAISED WITH ME THE INTEREST OF THE CHILEAN GOVT IN MEETING WITH A GROUP OF DEMOCRATIC SENATORS CRITICAL OF THE PRESENT GOC. HUERTA'S DESIRE IS TO CONFRONT THIS PROBLEM AND EXPLAIN WHY THE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST CHILE ARE NOT TRUE. IN LAST NIGHT'S CONVERSATION, SAENZ MENTIONED SENATORS KENNEDY, MANSFIELD, CHURCH, MCGOVERN AND HUMPHREY AS PEOPLE FONMIN HUERTA SHOULD MEET WITH. I NOTED THAT ALL THOSE HE MENTIONED EXCEPT KENNEDY WERE MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE CHILEANS MIGHT WISH TO GIVE THOUGHT TO SOME SORT OF MEETING WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PERHAPS OF BOTH PARTIES. HUERTA AND SAENZ PICKED UP THE IDEA THIS MORNING, EXPRESSING THE STRONG DESIRE TO MEET WITH INTERESTED SENATORS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE -- PERHAPS WITH SENATOR KENNEDY AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS INVITED TO JOIN IN THE MEETING. THEY ASKED ME IF I WOULD PASS ON THIS REQUEST AND SEE IF THE DEPT WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE AN INFORMAL CONTACT WITH CHAIRMAN FULBRIGHT OR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF IN ORDER TO SET SOMETHING UP. I SAID I WOULD BE HAPPY TO PASS ON THE REQUEST.

2. COMMENT. I DO NOT KNOW IF THE DEPT WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE THIS INFORMAL CONTACT OR WOULD PREFER THAT THE CHILEAN EMBASSY DO IT. IF THE DEPT WOULD PREFER THE LATTER, I WOULD APPRECIATE SOMEONE EXPLAINING THINGS TO THE CHILEAN EMBASSY
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AND MAKING SURE THAT IT KNOWS HOW TO SET THE WHEELS IN MOTION.

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